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A competitor in the 2016 TORC powerboat races sets out to race on Saturday. See story and photos on page 22. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

\$10 million fire headquarters officially opens

By Mark Arike

Every time they think about their new home base, employees with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) should see it as a testament to how much Canadians value the work they do.

That's the message Rick Dunning delivered to more than 60 employees at the grand opening of the fire management headquarters in Algonquin Highlands

yesterday morning.

"When we have wildland fires that occur, families, individuals and communities pack up and they run away from the fire," said Dunning, director of aviation, forest fires and emergency services. "You pack up and you run towards the fire."

"This was not cheap, this was not inexpensive," he said, referring to the 17,000-square-foot facility behind him, which is located next to the Haliburton/

Stanhope Municipal Airport.

The relocation of the fire base from Haliburton to the new site was first announced in July of 2013. It was expected to cost \$12.2 million, but came in under budget at \$10.1 million. It was funded by the provincial and federal governments.

It took about a year to complete the project and staff arrived in April.

"If the work you do wasn't important, wasn't appreciated, this would not be here,"

he said.

Bob Hurley, acting fire management supervisor, said the new space offers many benefits.

"We're allowing staff to all work under one roof," said Hurley. "We're allowing for training days while covering alerts and [there is] adequate space for our staff to operate."

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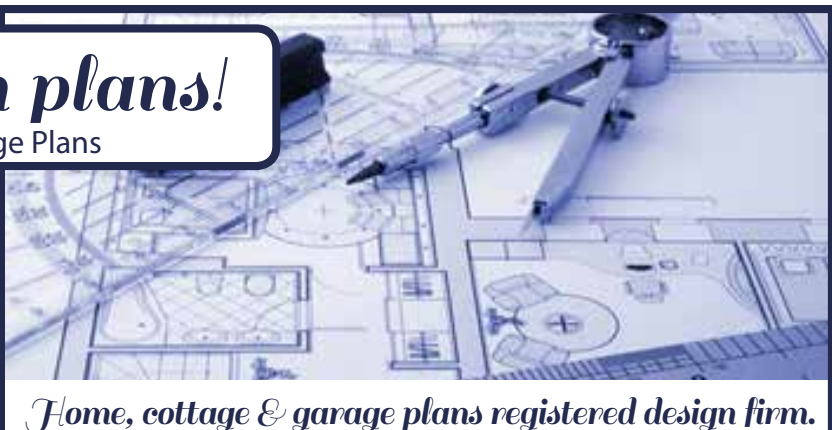



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MNRF fire base project has led to new hangers, free Wi-Fi and food

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Joe Dickson, parliamentary assistant to MNRF Minister Kathryn McGarry, attended the initial announcement three years ago. He was amazed by the progress.

"Since we opened this process at the original site, I couldn't envisage how large it would be and how professional it would be," said Dickson.

"It's a great investment and it's going to grow in the community."

He pointed out that since 2003/04, the MNRF has been able to control or "hold" 94 per cent of forest fires less than four hectares in size by

noon the following day. Last year, it was 97.7 per cent of all forest fires.

The MNRF has a 20-year lease with the township and will pay an annual rate of about \$65,000.

"We hope that revenue will be a springboard for future services," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

The project has led to other benefits, such as new airport hangars, free Wi-Fi and new food services.

Dignitaries and MNRF staff gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony following speeches. Tours were provided to the public until 1 p.m.



Parliamentary assistant Joe Dickson opens the fire hose--which took the place of a ribbon--with the help of Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt and Bob Hurley, acting fire management supervisor. Photo by Mark Arike.

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Front elevation designs for the Whispering Pines Phase 2 expansion in Haliburton. Drawings from council presentation. Photo by Alex Coop.

Phase 2 for Whispering Pines in Haliburton revealed

By Alex Coop

Expansion to the Whispering Pines apartment complex in Haliburton will include 12 townhouses within two separate buildings, Hope Lee, CEO of the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation's (KLHHC), told Dysart et al councillors Monday morning.

The addition, named Phase 2, will be built next to the existing Whispering Pines apartment building on County Road 21 and will contain six, two-bedroom units (850 sq.ft.), and six three-bedroom units (1,150 sq.ft.), priced at \$1,057 and \$1,251-per-month (inclusive of utilities) respectively.

The current building has 24 one-bedroom units and offers apartments at 80 per cent of the average market rent.

According to the CKL website, the majority of its tenants are seniors 60 and over. Some units are rent-geared-to-income.

A re-zoning application for the addition of 12 more units was approved in 2011, and if all goes according to plan, tenants could move into the townhouses by late 2018.

"Our studies have shown that there will be no issue filling the new units," Lee said, adding the expansion requires support from all levels of government and the KLHHC.

The KLHHC is committed to contributing \$150,000 from its reserves, in addition to \$1,050,000 in capital funding from Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH), in order to make the expansion happen.

The initial apartment complex in Haliburton was built in 2013 and received

more than \$3.2 million in funding, including \$2.9 million through the IAH and \$190,000 in cash from the County of Haliburton.

A long-term debenture for \$600,000 was also secured by the CKL and reimbursed by KLHCC.

Lee asked Dysart et al council for support in principle, waiving the site plan application and building permit fees and providing KLHCC with a grant for sewer connection fees.

Dysart consented and a final resolution will be made in September. However, a few concerns were discussed.

Ward 4 Coun. Susan Norcross said the lack of an on-site superintendent worried her, but Lee said the KLHCC's apartment complexes in Haliburton and Minden are monitored by an employee who is accessible 24/7. She added once the housing is built, additional staff will

be required, but so far she has received few complaints from the corporation's tenants.

She cited an 80-90 per cent approval rating based on tenant feedback.

Lee also approached County Council yesterday, asking for a cash donation of \$144,000 that would be made available when construction begins in 2018.

KLHHC is a housing corporation incorporated under the Business Corporations Act that has more than 700 units throughout the CKL and Haliburton County. It is governed by a nine-member board. Affordable housing is a critical component of the township's Housing and Poverty Reduction strategies.

Our studies have shown that there will be no issue filling the new units.

Hope Lee
CEO of the KLHHC



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Skate park part of bigger picture

Governments make mistakes.

This statement will come as no surprise to anyone.

Good governments own up to their mistakes and take action to rectify them.

Bad governments engage in cover-ups and often make the situation worse.

So, it was refreshing to hear Dysart et al Ward 2 Coun. Derek Knowles say that council made a mistake with the Haliburton skate park.

For some time now we have heard critics say the park does not drain well. Kids tell us it isn't big enough. And, we see parents having to drop off their children because there is not enough parking.

"I hate to say it, but unfortunately, we wasted our money with that one," Knowles stated matter-of-factly at a Monday meeting.

It's a costly mistake for taxpayers. The original skate park cost approximately \$59,000 when it was built in 2010. Now, they are talking about projected costs of \$100,000 to fix it. Although more than \$25,000 has been raised, which is admirable, that is still a lot of money.

It would seem there is a consensus today that the current site should now be abandoned.

There is also a growing movement to have a new skate park next to A.J. LaRue Arena. A skate park planner by the name of Robert Poyner is doing some lobbying as is a

member of the local skate park committee, Pasi Posti.

We don't entirely disagree with them.

However, let's take a breath.

About five years ago when the original park was built, council acted on its best advice at the time. It has proven to be wrong. Hindsight is always 20/20 but let's not rush this decision.

Leave the skate park as it is for now. Only fix what has to be fixed so that it is safe. We are not saying, forever, just for now.

It seems to us that Haliburton County is flush with cultural facilities. We have numerous museums, art galleries, libraries, cultural centres and the list goes on and on.

What is lacking is recreational facilities. Sure, there are numerous ice pads, curling rinks and ball diamonds. However, with the exception of one privately-owned and operated gym, there is a decided lack of recreational centres. We hear from our aging population that they would love to have an indoor swimming pool. We hear from young families that they would love to have a splash pad.

Because we are surrounded by lakes and trails, we assume that everyone's recreational needs are being met. However, not everyone's are. Seniors and young families would thrive if there were a recreation centre the likes of Lindsay's. It has a lap pool, a family pool, a small sauna, ice pads, squash courts and a fully

functioning gym and weight room all under one roof. Incidentally, the town's skate park is also located there.

It's a multi-million-dollar complex. In fact, it was recently renovated at a cost of \$6 million. That is likely way too much for our municipalities to handle. However, it is time to consider this type of facility for the county.

The Township of Minden Hills is in the midst of surveying the public for renewal options for the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. They are asking these very questions. In the municipality's first survey, in July 2015, they asked people about their preference for things such as fitness rooms, gyms and indoor pools.

So, we are asking Dysart et al to hit the pause button. It does not want to make another mistake on a skate park. We are asking for the skate park committee and the kids who use the park to have a little patience. Let's plan the future of a Haliburton skate park in conjunction with an overall look at Dysart et al's recreational needs, in consultation with the other three municipalities.

Let's plan our recreational facilities so they turn out to be as good as our cultural infrastructure already is.



By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County is looking up

When I was a teenager, I got a kick out of going into the Dawson Gray building in the center of downtown Haliburton. What held particular interest for me was that this building was three stories (a rarity in Haliburton). More so, it was (as far as I knew) the only building in the county at that time to have an elevator. Even though I could easily scale the stairs to get to the top floor I instead rode the elevator because, well, this is Haliburton and that was an elevator.

Sure I had ridden plenty of elevators having grown up in the city where my family still visited frequently but an elevator in a place like this was downright exotic. It was like an amusement park in an office complex. The juxtaposition and quirkiness was downright tasty. Since then, however, the quirkiness has gotten a lot more commonplace and, over time, it's lost all of its cuteness. I'm not saying elevators have lost their attraction just that elevators and the growing list of tall buildings in the county, have grown at a relatively alarming rate.

It's one thing to have a multi-level downtown location but has anyone noticed how Haliburton County high-rises have increased exponentially lately? Keep in mind that simply adding a building or two

qualifies as "exponentially" in these parts. And it's not the growth of office buildings that has me a little on edge but the increase in lakeside apartment complexes that frankly seem weird and unnecessary in a rural area like this. The question becomes, is this really necessary?

Don't get me wrong. I'm not chastising those who are creating and developing these properties. If there's a market for it, more power to them. I'm also not against those who want to live in places like these. A growing seniors' market, added to a populace that likes conveniences, such as not having to shovel a walkway every winter's day, is ready-made for these four-storey lakeside dwellings. My only qualm is what's lost in the process. Is this really the type of place that is running out of room so badly that it needs to build up instead of spread out?

I realize the "urban" core in communities like Haliburton and Minden is limited. There's only so much room to build. But isn't a lot of the splendour of living in a rural haven like this lost by having to live on the fourth floor of a building overlooking the lake? Some would, of course, say no. If you lived on the 28th floor of a place in Toronto, being on the 4th floor of a lakeside villa equates to heaven and for

that I don't argue the point. Unfortunately, what's lost in all of this is the uniqueness Haliburton County used to be able to claim over rural towns like Muskoka. There, seeing slews of apartment complexes "nestled beside the lake" (as the ad says) is nothing new. We accept that for Muskoka. They're an area driven totally by money and development. They lost their lakeside charm a long time ago but, in mind, we hadn't.

We represented cottaging and rural living done the "right way" - slow sustainable growth that seemed to have a game plan. With five hundred lakes in the county one would think we were a long way from having a need for lakeside buildings requiring elevators. Sure the argument is "growth" and "development." If you need to erect a five-storey building anywhere in the county it must be needed, right? Well, yes, and, no. To me, these developments say more about simply following a trend that has affected (infected?) a lot of areas like this one only, up until this point, we seemed immune to it. I guess times have changed.



By Charlie Teljeur

Correction

In the Aug. 18 issue of The Highlander, in the article titled *Beauty by the water and unique experiences*, it was incorrectly stated that Tim Hagarty works for Highland Boat Tours. Hagarty is actually a volunteer at the museum. In addition, Robert and Anne Gould did start a lodging business in 1903, but actually sold the property to the Robertson's and bought the Birch Point Property a few years later. The Highlander apologizes for the errors.

Editorial opinion

Recognize paramedics for their commitment

Dear editor,

I have read the articles in the past two issues of The Highlander regarding the lack of ambulances, equipment and emergency personnel in the county. The first article highlighted the problem and (last) week Charlie Teljeur made an eloquent case for we, as a community, to utilize emergency services judiciously.

However, recently we needed to call the service for a medical emergency. The ambulance arrived in less than 15 minutes

and the two 'Jeffs' provided professional, timely and compassionate treatment. In no time at all, the parties were on the way to hospital.

We as a community need to recognize these professionals for their commitment. We may need more equipment but definitely we need men and women of this calibre.

Peter Markle
Spruce Lake

What happens to mail come Sept. 12?

Dear editor,

Many folks are well aware of the changes that the Gooderham Post Office is facing. I have had opportunity to speak with many, and have realized that they are under the impression that this is a decision made by Canada Post. I would like to make it clear that these changes were not initiated by and did not come from Canada Post. These changes are a direct result from a decision made by the Highlands East Council.

Our petition now stands at 400 signatures and continues to grow and it would seem it also continues to be disregarded by

Highlands East Council. The contract is due to end in approximately three weeks and we have yet to have the public meeting we were promised. Because of this negligence we are left guessing as to what will happen with our mail come September 12.

It should also be noted that in an area where unemployment and poverty levels are high, we will also be looking at the displacement of one full-time and two casual part time employees.

Chuck Viner
Highlands East

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Scott Clement caught this 38-inch pike in Long Lake the weekend of July 23-24.
Photo submitted by Tom Hayhew.

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Don't worry, be crabby

"Live each day like it's your last."

A positive life-affirming message if ever there was one, eh? Or is it? Think again and you'll be thoroughly depressed by the idea that today might be your last, and the fact that you have to go to the grocery store and do the dump run just to make sure that those loved ones that you'll be leaving behind (if in fact today is your last) will not starve or stink the neighbours out with that festering garbage that wasn't taken last week.

I make disparaging comment on this 'wonderful' message not simply because I'm feeling grumpy but because the holiday cottage in which we stayed on our vacation in Wales was awash with such messages, in the form of little signs and placards, hung, strung and propped up against any and every vertical surface in almost every room.

"Do what you love, love what you do."

"The harder the struggle, the more glorious the triumph."

"Life doesn't have to be perfect to be wonderful."

"Keep smiling and carry on."

"By the sea all your worries wash away."

And on it went, positive, smiley-happy, ain't life grand, sign after sign. I kid you not, when I say that I counted 62 in total throughout the house, 23 of them in one room. The games room! Anyone would think that I was so terrible at pool or darts that I might top myself but I was on my holidays, for Pete's sake. Surely, I should be happy. I mean, if I'm not in a good mood when I'm on my holidays then I may as well just curl up and die.

I toured the house on that first day reading the messages. It was quite a large property, enabling my entire family – mum, dad, brother, sister and their respective gaggles of kids to stay there – but even so, the number of messages was bewildering, and, as I read each one I found not the warm glow of happiness washing over me but a sour mood descending.

It was as I read yet another quaint saying, something about an Englishman's home being his castle that I mentally flipped and imagined that castle, and the defenses I would put in place to stop signmakers

from ransacking my kingdom a second time. The boiling oil I'd pour down from the ramparts, the flaming arrows I'd fire at the advancing plethora of signs.

"Memories made on the beach last a lifetime," the next message read ... My brain did a rapid shuffle and up popped the images of Saving Private Ryan and other war films where countless soldiers were gunned down as they advanced from the surf toward a murderous foe.

Thanks a bunch positive signmaking people. You've turned the start of my holiday into a bloodbath, where I'm either roasting folks alive from my ramparts or watching wholesale slaughter such as happened in the Second World War. Happy is not an emotion that I'd immediately describe as mine at that moment.

But then there's the proof that I guess I cannot ignore. I see from my travels and visits around Haliburton County that many of you folks seem to like these 'oh so sunny' signs, as they are erected in your homes and businesses, and the cottage gift stores are full of them. And, this duly noted, you all seem to be a pretty cheerful

bunch. That's why I like you all so much, so there must be something in it. Or is there?

I could be completely wrong and my miserable misgivings at these life affirming messages are as distasteful to you as they are to me and there is really a sullen undercurrent within our midst, hidden only by a thin veil, a shroud of joyousness, printed in varied colours and fonts on white-washed new but old looking signs.

If that's the case then join with me in my overt grouchiness. Forget the "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning how to dance in the rain" mantra, and revel in a healthy dose of cynicism, drown in it, if you will, or perhaps dip a toe in it for at least a little while because contrary to what those practicing sweetness and light say, the dark side is actually very good for you, too.

And don't forget, "life is what happens to you while you're busy making plans," and "keep calm and carry on." GRRRRR!!!



By Will Jones

The Outsider

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Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What is your favourite summer event in the county?*



Harold Hiltz

Haliburton

I just like being outside during the summer.



Jamie Hume

Haliburton

The plein-air arts festival is my favourite.



Karen Kimber

Toronto

It was the Haliburton Forest Festival, so I hope it comes back. Right now though, I'm really enjoying the golf courses in the county.



Ryan Akey

Haliburton

A lot of the stuff they bring to Head Lake Park is a big hit. Those events always bring a lot of people to the community.



Angus Sullivan

Haliburton

My favourite summer events are the farmers market on Tuesdays and summer soccer at the high school.

Photos and interviews by Alex Coop

Powerboat crash sends racer to hospital

A racer from Ohio was airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto after crashing with a fellow competitor during the second day of the Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races last weekend.

The driver, whose name has not been released, suffered a broken leg but has made a full recovery, said OPP. Const. Timothy Negus.

The accident occurred when two T-boats collided while entering the first corner of the 3/4 mile track on Head Lake. Both boats were extensively damaged.

The injured driver was first transported to Haliburton hospital before being airlifted.

The remainder of Sunday's races were cancelled due to the windy conditions.

(Mark Arike)

Two charged with impaired driving in one day

Haliburton Highlands OPP arrested two men last week for allegedly driving with a blood-alcohol level that exceeded 80-mg.

Kyle Keegan, 22, of Dysart et al, was arrested in the area of Kennisis Lake Road Aug. 18 after police responded to a collision involving an ATV hitting a tree just after 1 a.m.

During the investigation, officers said the driver of the ATV had consumed alcohol. He was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment for further tests.

Later that day, police say Paul Cook, 58, of Gravenhurst registered a fail on a screening device after police pulled him over on Highway 118 in Minden Hills.

Cook was arrested for driving with more than 80 mg of alcohol in his blood.

Both men received an automatic 90 day driver's licence suspension and had their vehicles impounded.

The two men will also appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden Oct. 5. (Alex Coop)

Fenelon Falls man dies in car accident

A 67-year-old man died after hitting a tree with his car on County Road 121 between Ravine Road and Denna Lake Road Aug. 19.

The driver of the car was identified as Richard Sima of Fenelon Falls.

Haliburton Highlands OPP say Sima crossed over the northbound lane, entered the ditch and struck the tree.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Local police and the OPP Technical Collision Team investigated.

County in brief

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP. (Alex Coop)

AH man charged with impaired driving

An Algonquin Highlands man was charged with impaired driving Sunday afternoon.

Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a call of a possible impaired driver in the area of North Shore road just before 4 p.m.

Once police caught up to the driver, they arrested and charged Darko Knezevic, 53, with driving while impaired by alcohol.

Knezevic received a 90-day driver's license suspension and is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Oct. 5.



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Autumn Smith is excited about her new role as manager at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. *Photo by Alex Coop.*

Chamber promotes Smith to manager

By Alex Coop

Although it was only recently announced that Autumn Smith will become the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce's new manager, the former radio host has been planning and developing new managerial skills for months.

"I've been engaging with chamber professional communities online, webinars, doing a lot of reading, and I've gotten some good ideas from all of those sources," Smith told The Highlander. "I didn't want anything to fall through the cracks."

Rosemarie Jung held the manager's position from 2012 until parting with the chamber in March. Chamber president Jerry Walker said the board decided to take

a step back and re-evaluate its goals for the future, delaying hiring a replacement until recently.

During that time, Smith juggled multiple duties that ranged from general operations to ensuring membership services remained strong, all the while organizing events like the chamber's annual general meeting.

She frequently sat in on board meetings and quickly familiarized herself with everything the chamber was doing.

Walker said the board took notice of her efforts but took its time making a final decision.

"We didn't want to rush into hiring a new manager," he said. "And as we move forward, it looks like our decision is to focus on our membership and membership services because we work for our members

and we feel that we can do a better job."

Smith stressed her ideas have just been presented to the board and might not come to fruition, but her proposals to boost chamber member benefits and further engage with the community, in addition to her strong work ethic and engaging personality, have left an impression on the board.

"Autumn has had some great successes and new ideas on how we can enhance our services," Walker said.

Smith, who frequently occupies the chamber's main office in Haliburton by herself, said she is excited about her new role because it means she will get to go out more and interact with businesses regularly.

"I'm going to be a lot more active in the community now," she said.

Planning ahead in the midst of uncertainty was challenging, Smith said, but she never felt like she was alone and appreciated the additional assistance that came from board members who made themselves regularly available.

Working with fresh faces on the chamber board and its various committees is another reason why Smith, who moved to Haliburton only two years ago, is excited.

She quickly made herself known around the community, thanks to a mix of hard work and the inability to say no.

"I probably got it from journalism," she laughed, referring to her studies at Sheridan College in Oakville. "You have to take advantage of every opportunity you get, and whatever it is, it becomes my passion. I want to do this."

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Proposed gas bar meets skeptical Dysart

By Alex Coop

Leo Palozzi of Sunray Developments had a hard time selling his company's proposed gas bar concept to Dysart et al council during a presentation Monday morning.

Councillors had serious reservations about the commercial complex that, according to Palozzi, would include a gas bar and convenience store a stone's throw from Tim Hortons.

A report by the township's director of planning and development, Patricia Martin, noted the project "appears to be too intense a use for the property given the location of

Nimigon Lane and the access requirements of the proposed use."

The property is owned by Jerry Walker, owner of Walker's Home Hardware in Haliburton. Walker was not at the meeting Monday morning.

Among several other items, the project still needs a site plan agreement and an archaeological study before it can proceed.

Palozzi said he appreciated the feedback, and emphasized how his company wants the project to work for everyone in the community, which is why it has invested "millions" into the project so far and is working as fast as it can to complete any

outstanding items required by the county and the township.

"We aren't taking this lightly," he said.

But the anticipated increase in truck traffic and the potential for light pollution concerned councillors.

"Without a slip lane, traffic will be a big issue," Reeve Murray Fearrey said.

Deputy-Reeve Andrea Roberts said gas bars are open late at night, and the light to the road and possibly the lake would likely frustrate many residents.

Palozzi said if they were allowed to proceed, the road access would receive a major facelift and would be paid for and

maintained by Sunray Developments.

"We would re-grade it and have it become a full-fledged roadway," he said, referring to Nimigon Lane.

And although the gas bar would have to be lit at night, Palozzi said the light can be controlled.

"The lighting would be similar to that of Tim Hortons," he said.

Council encouraged Palozzi to complete the site plan agreement and other outstanding studies. The matter will be discussed at a future council meeting.

Climate change's catastrophic effects 'not hyperbole', says May

By Alex Coop

While visiting family in Haliburton, Green Party leader Elizabeth May is going to stop by the Minden Community Centre tonight (Aug. 25) to discuss climate change, its effects on the planet, and what Canada's governments are doing to make things better.

After announcing Monday morning that she will remain as the Green Party leader, May spoke with *The Highlander* by telephone and said she was looking forward to visiting one of her "favourite" destinations.

"My stepdaughter and I are very close," she said. "And the great folks at Environment Haliburton! knew that I had a family connection there and knew I would love to visit her again but also talk about climate change with concerned local citizens."

The catastrophic effects of climate change, emphasized again by recent data from NASA that showed how temperature and

rainfall patterns worldwide may change through the year 2100, are "not hyperbole," May said.

"We need to move away from fossil fuels quite quickly to avoid a catastrophic impact from climate change," she said.

May slammed B.C. Premier Christy Clark after the province revealed its climate change plan last week, and described it as an "enormous disappointment" that didn't improve upon Clark's predecessor's carbon tax framework.

"Strangely enough, under a premier who wasn't known as a progressive, Gordon Campbell put in a well-designed carbon tax that was helping reduce tax on things we wanted like income and economic prosperity, while increasing the tax on things we don't want, like pollution and waste," May said. "Premier Clark is refusing to take the steps necessary for B.C. to reduce its emissions."

In contrast, Ontario's climate change plan, albeit controversial, she said, has been



Green Party leader, Elizabeth May, will speak in Minden tonight. *File photo.*

the biggest leap forward when it comes to cutting emissions quickly.

The plan strongly favours a yet-to-be-ratified cap and trade system that will take effect in January 2017 when Ontario joins an existing carbon market with Quebec and California.

"The cap and trade system is complicated and prone to problems," she said, pointing to skyrocketing hydro bills as an example. "But Ontario's commitment to do more with renewables and support energy efficiency is much more in the right direction than anything we're seeing in B.C."

May also said she has faith in feed-in-tariff and net-metering programs due to their positive results in Europe.

But the progress being made at national and international levels is equally important, May said, adding she is curious how Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is going to follow through on Canada's promise to restrict planetary warming to just 1.5 Celsius warming, an ambitious goal announced by Canada's Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna in December.

"I want to review with people [in Haliburton] where we are with the science and what Canada's deadlines are," she said.

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Cultural Centre Advisory Committee
The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Cultural Centre Advisory Committee for the remaining term of Council. If you, or someone you know, are interested in participating, please submit a completed application form in person, by mail or email to:

Advisory Committee Application – Cultural Centre
Clerk's Department, 2nd floor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359
Minden, ON K0M 2K0
sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Application deadline is Tuesday September 6, 2016 by 12 pm.

Application Forms can be obtained by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca or by emailing sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

Public Input Requested for Age-Friendly Master Plan

The Age-Friendly Master Plan is an initiative of the Aging Well Committee in partnership with the County of Haliburton. The project is being funded by the Government of Ontario.

The Aging Well Committee is inviting input from the community to create an Age-Friendly Master Plan for Haliburton County. We Want To Hear From You!

The information that you provide will be used to make recommendations about priorities for making Haliburton County a place to age well and in place. This brief survey is accessible at <http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/kate-hall/aging-well/>. Surveys will be collected until September 16th, 2016.

For more information about the project or this survey, please contact Angela Andrews at 705-457-1391 or Kate Hall at kvhall06@gmail.com.

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MESSAGES FROM THE CHAMBER

New Manager

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Municipal Act, 2001, as amended

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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:30 p.m. at the Township Offices.

Description of Lands and Minimum Tender Amount:

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Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,593.79
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The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

Note: H.S.T. may be payable by successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact:

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Skate park needs new site

By Alex Coop

The township should abandon plans to upgrade the skate park on Maple Ave. and instead, build a new park somewhere else in Haliburton, preferably next to the arena, skate park planner Robert Poyner told Dysart et al councillors Monday morning.

Poyner was joined by a member of the local skate park committee and owner of Positive Media, Pasi Posti, during a presentation to council that highlighted the need for a bigger space.

"The current site does not present itself as the best location for a new park," Posti said, citing problems with the current site's geological survey and a lack of adequate parking.

A potential new location is the old baseball diamond next to the A.J. LaRue Arena.

The municipality, which owns that property, hasn't given the green light for its use, but some of it is designated for park development, councillors said Monday.

Poyner said the township could save about \$30,000 if a new space is found.

"That's what it might cost just to bring the [current] site to gravel before we can actually start any of the construction," he explained.

This summer, Poyner decided to help the township's recreation coordinator, Andrea Mueller, who is spearheading the fundraising for the new skate park, develop a plan that will produce a park that not only looks good, but will last for many years.

The original park cost \$59,000 when it was

built in 2010.

Park upgrades are projected to cost about \$100,000. So far, more than \$25,000 has been raised.

Ward 2 Coun. Derek Knowles agreed with Poyner and Posti, and said council should shift its focus from upgrading the current skate park to finding a new place for it.

"I hate to say it, but unfortunately, we wasted our money with that one," Knowles said, referring to the Maple Ave. site. "If we're going to build another park, we have to do it right this time."

Poyner showed councillors pictures of skate parks he has worked on in the past, and said a wavy concrete park would make the most sense, structurally and financially.

He estimated a new park will cost anywhere between \$100,000-150,000.

The young tricksters who use the park on Maple Ave. on a regular basis have been very patient, Posti said.

"They need a bigger space. I think we're past the point now where we look at skateboarders as a deterrent to the community. We want this park to work for everyone."

Councillors will analyze the potential new site and find out how much space they can allocate to a new skate park.

Mueller said the skate park committee is looking for additional volunteers. Anyone interested in joining can contact Mueller at the municipality office.

We could use some fresh ideas and extra hands at events.

AH goes to bat for Lions Club

Algonquin Highlands has agreed to back the Dorset Lions Club's pursuit of provincial funding for its Main Street ball diamond project.

Council agreed to apply for funding under the Ontario150 Community Capital Program at its Aug. 11 meeting, since the club is ineligible to apply. AH will also administer the application and the project.

The Lions envision a new play and social space to celebrate the international club's 100th anniversary next year. The first phase involves installing a half-court basketball facility and repairing/retrofitting some fencing. Preliminary cost estimates range from \$50,000 to \$53,000.

Ontario150 funds up to 50 per cent of eligible projects to a maximum of \$500,000. According to staff, the Lions have \$10,000 available and AH must provide an additional \$15,000, which the

Lions plan to repay over two years.

The township must now revisit its shared services agreement for the property with the Township of Lake of Bays to address summer maintenance. (Lisa Harrison)

Airport to be more accessible

Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport is set to have a new accessible deck and ramp by the fall.

Algonquin Highlands called for tenders last year for removal of the existing deck and construction of the new deck and a ramp. However, no bids were submitted either properly or on time. Public works staff considered the work but were unable to complete it due to regular workloads, so AH hosted contractors at individual site inspections featuring engineered drawings.

Council approved the lowest bid of \$26,884 including HST from Mark Thompson Construction of Minden at the regular Aug. 11 meeting. (Lisa Harrison)



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AH reviews septic re-inspection costs

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands councillors continued their investigation into septic re-inspection programs with a review of cost recovery processes at their Aug. 11 meeting.

Staff reported on the programs of two Ontario municipalities and provided a third option.

The first municipality charges a flat user fee on the tax bill of every property with a septic system. The fee was raised gradually over eight years to spread out the cost for the property owner. This process would mean AH would have to pay full costs

initially and recover the costs over time. Concerned that this process may contravene the Municipal Act, staff contacted the province, which advised AH may want to seek a legal opinion before using this process.

The second municipality requires that property owners with septic systems older than 10 years must have them inspected within one year of receiving notice and send the report to the township. Any required remediation work must be done within a set time frame. Failure to complete the work results in the township doing it and billing the property owner for the full cost plus a

10 per cent administration fee. Unpaid fees are added to taxes. This practice complies with the Municipal Act, according to staff.

AH would have to administer the overall program as well as the re-inspections since the local health unit discontinued the practice in 2014. Staff advised council may wish to hire a consultant to fulfill that function.

The third cost recovery option reported by staff would be to put the full cost directly onto the tax levy. However, cost sharing would fluctuate since it would be based on assessed value and would include vacant land.

Council received the staff report for information.

AH is investigating all aspects of implementing a successful septic re-inspection program, including hiring more staff, expanding the McClintock Lagoon to handle increased sewage and determining who would pay to dig up older, deeply buried systems. The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has not yet completed its hauled sewage program review, which could also affect a re-inspection program in future.

Rural residents hurt by high energy costs

EOWC chair Peter Emon said energy costs are increasing at an unprecedented pace, with no end in sight, and the reality is that rural customers are shouldering a disproportionate burden compared to their urban counterparts.

The Warden of Renfrew County added: "High energy costs force families to choose between electricity bills and other basic necessities and services, posing a growing threat of 'energy poverty' across our region and the province. They also hurt the growth potential of our businesses, which have also expressed the urgent need to address grid reliability issues and high expansion costs."

As part of its advocacy work during the AMO conference, the EOWC delivered a written formal submission to the Ministry of Energy regarding the province's next Long-Term Energy Plan. The submission includes recommendations around making the necessary infrastructure investments needed for the expansion of energy systems; bringing a reliable flow of natural gas and electricity to rural and remote areas of Eastern Ontario; and advocating for more affordable energy solutions for rural Ontario.

The EOWC represents 13 counties and single-tier municipalities and 90 local municipalities across rural Eastern Ontario. (Lisa Gervais)

Wardens press key issues at AMO conference

By Lisa Gervais

County Warden Carol Moffatt and other members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) chewed the ears of provincial cabinet ministers at last week's Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference.

Moffatt attended the Windsor conference along with county CAO Mike Rutter, Algonquin Highlands Coun. Liz Danielsen and Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

Moffatt said the EOWC let it be known it opposes the potential implementation of an Eastern Ontario growth plan. Moffatt said it is aimed at capping growth on the outskirts of Ottawa and has no

implications locally so the message was "we have been self-directing, we don't want this put upon us."

She said another key issue is the current legal system known as joint and several liability that holds municipalities financially responsible for issues "often out of their control and jurisdictions, and raises their insurance premiums," the Algonquin Highlands reeve said.

She said the EOWC is lobbying to bring urgent improvements and expansions to the hydroelectricity transmission grid to serve the growing needs of businesses and industries across the region. She talked about a hugely successful cheese factory in Eastern Ontario that cannot expand due to a lack of Hydro capacity. She is also worried about potential wind and solar farms and their ability to connect to the grid.

Stemming the rising tide of Ontario Provincial Police and other emergency services costs, which are impacting the ability to invest in local municipal infrastructure, was another topic raised by the EOWC. Moffatt said she's been told the OPP is still tweaking its proposed new billing formula but that some property

data are being found to be incorrect. She said she will likely ask at a future county council meeting if local figures should be put under the microscope.

Moffatt added there is talk of a fire medic program being implemented but worries about who will be saddled with the cost. She said if it was a 50-50 cost share with the province, it "may be an option" but she does not want it to be solely a municipal cost.

Making mobile broadband services available to businesses and residents by closing the coverage and capacity gaps in the current cell networks, while building a first responder public safety network that can serve as a model for the provincial and federal levels, was another topic. Moffatt mentioned that the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) is looking to do a cell gap analysis. She said one issue here, however, is that residents do not want mobile cell phone towers.

The EOWC is also pushing for extending natural gas into rural communities for the residential and commercial sector.

"It was good," Moffatt said of the conference. "It is worth getting the face time with the ministers."



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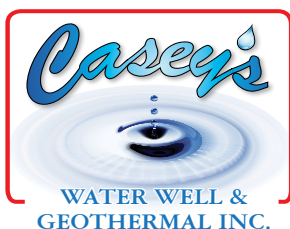
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Communities in Bloom judges, Mona Boyd and Grace Dekker, pose outside of the Township of Minden Hills administrative building along with community services administrative assistant, Eric Casper, Susan Sheehan and Elinor Kernohan of the Minden and District Horticultural Society, Reeve Brent Devolin, councillor Jeanne Anthon and director of community services. Mark Coleman. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Blooming good time for the judges in Minden Hills

Competition results announced in Sept.

By Lisa Gervais

Communities in Bloom judges Mona Boyd and Grace Dekker visited a whopping 24 sites as they came to the Township of Minden Hills this week to judge how it stacks up against other comparably sized Ontario towns.

Asked how things were going as of Tuesday afternoon, Dekker said the town was looking great and was extremely tidy. Boyd lauded dedicated community members and great volunteers.

Director of community services, Mark Coleman and administrative assistant, Eric Casper were tour guides for the three-day visit that ended Wednesday. Coleman said the judges were "getting a taste of some of our best things."

It is Minden Hills' first foray into the province-wide competition.

Coleman said the township was looking forward to the

judges' report and also the announcement of the winners in September.

He said they are keen to find out, "what we can continue to do well and the little things we need to do to help improve upon what we are already doing."

He said a program like Communities in Bloom is a celebration of the beauty of the area, and builds community pride.

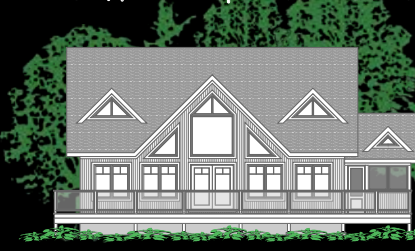
He encourages more residents and businesses to climb on board in future. He said it makes sense since Minden Hills is a township that is known for its recreation and tourism.

He said it was excellent to have the judges here and gives the township an opportunity to network with other Communities in Bloom participants.

Communities in Bloom Ontario is a program that inspires communities to enhance and sustain the visual appeal of neighbourhoods, public spaces, parks and streetscapes through the imaginative use of flowers, plants, trees and landscaping, through the preservation of heritage and cultural assets and with attention to environmental stewardship.

The Ontario Communities in Bloom symposium and awards will take place Sept. 17 in Stratford.

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What's Up?

Founding families: our history

One of the events that take place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is the annual Founding Family Day, which celebrates the history of one of Minden Hills' founding families. This is an important event for the centre, for the families involved, and also for the whole town, because it celebrates and honours those people who laid the groundwork in defining what our culture is today.

The founding families of Minden Hills have contributed significantly over the years to the collection of artifacts in the Minden Hills Museum, which is part of the cultural centre, and Founding Family Day gives families and the museum the opportunity to pool their resources and present as much information as they can find.

The Welch family has contributed the most to the museum collection, and this year it was the turn of that family to be featured. The event is traditionally centred in the common room of the centre, where the photos, written information and artifacts are put on display for family members and the general public. The Welch family contingent did itself proud at the July 30 event in presenting a plethora of information gathered from family members, plus other artifacts that the family had previously given to the museum.

The Welch family tree was very neatly laid out for the occasion, courtesy of Eli Welch, who is married to John Welch. John Welch can trace his lineage back to his namesake John Welch (b 1856), the son of original English immigrants, Samuel and Elizabeth (Betsy) Welch (nee Durant), who came over from Dorset, England in 1874. The John Welch lineage settled in Minden and continues to be a presence there to this day. Some familiar family names in the area related through

marriage to the original Welches include Easton, Stinson, Joanu, Hamilton and Campbell. In fact, Minden residents Mary Hamilton, Pat Campbell, along with Eli Welch, worked with Laurie Carmount, the cultural centre curator, to put this year's show together.

The family tree revealed that the Welch's and the extended families have been significant contributors to Minden over the years. They were blacksmiths, teachers, butchers, head nurses, post masters and mistresses, store and newspaper owners. Perhaps the most influential of the Welch's was Francis "Frank" Welch (b 1904). He was the owner/operator of the John Welch and Son Funeral Home, and he was, for many years, the clerk/treasurer of the County of Haliburton. He later served as reeve of Anson, Hinden, and Minden townships.

Frank Welch was also instrumental in the formation of the cultural centre, because it was he who rented space to renowned artist Andre Lapine in the artist's latter years, and received from the artist more than 40 paintings in lieu of rent. Upon his death in 1973, Welch bequeathed the paintings to the municipality on the condition that council erect a building to house the artwork. To make a long story short, with the tenacious Dr. Agnes Jamieson heading a committee, the Ethel Curry Gallery and the rest of the cultural centre was eventually built, and the gallery now houses more than 200 of Lapine's paintings and sketches.

There was a lot more than the family tree on display at this year's Founding Family Day. There were photographs of early Minden, and many family albums, one showing the mills that were operating in what would now be under the waters of Minden Lake, north of the dam. There



By George Farrell

were sketches that Lapine did of the Welch home, paintings by, and of, Frank Welch, and a painting that showed the Welch home surrounded by farmland. And there were loads of stories told among family members, some of them quite grisly funereal tales involving the moving, storing, and collecting of bodies, and of wigs and false teeth. There was also loads of laughter, merrymaking, and partaking of drinks and snacks, plus reminiscences of deceased family members. There were also stories about Dr. Jamieson and Lapine, told by those who actually knew Minden's most famous residents.

Welch artifacts still on display in the common room include a branding iron, poignant letters from dads serving in the wars overseas, a photo of a horse-drawn hearse, and a photo taken after the 1942 fire. Perhaps most impressive of all is the family book, which dates back to the 1700's and which outlines the family's history. It is a most remarkable tome, containing intricate illuminations, and beautifully inscribed lettering. On the Antiques Road Show such an item would be drooled over by the experts.

These items will remain on display until the end of September, and the public is invited to come and see artifacts of one of Minden's best-known and important founding families.

Across the hall from the common room, at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, works by Lapine and 'historically familiar' pieces by Gord Peteran are currently being exhibited. While you're at the cultural centre be sure to also visit the museum, Pioneer Village and Nature's Place.

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Stone sculpture pays tribute to Shawn Hagerman

By Mark Arike

It's been nearly a year-and-a-half since Shawn Hagerman passed away unexpectedly.

Those who knew him loved him dearly—and now his memory will forever live on with the most recent installation in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

Family and dozens of friends filled the Great Hall at the Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSAD) on Aug. 16 for the unveiling of "Together We Explore the Wild," a stone sculpture inspired by Hagerman's passion for the outdoors. The Hagerman family commissioned the project to professional stone sculptor George Pratt.

His daughters, Abby and Katharine, spoke about the process the family went through to ensure the sculpture was reflective of him: a man who found peace and joy in the wild and sharing his experiences with them.

Abby read an essay she wrote at the age of 10, which her father held onto for the past two decades. It gave a snapshot of their fishing trips together and illustrated what he was like as a father.

"I caught my first fish with my dad at the age of two," she read. "It was one of the most exciting moments I've experienced in my life."

"In my eyes, fishing is a great way to get to know your family. Whenever I go fishing with my dad, I feel a warmth that tells me we're perfect for each other."

Katharine praised Pratt for "so beautifully capturing the essence of the theme."

"This task was no easy feat," she said.

"This sculpture was selected from the many submissions based not just on the artistic merit and practical considerations for an outdoor sculpture, but on how well it would resonate with us, the Hagerman family."

The sculpture depicts a bear with two children riding on its back. The children do not have any distinct facial features—a deliberate decision by Pratt.

"It's a better piece of artwork, for you to be able to imagine in your mind, what something is intended to be rather than for me to spell it out with a hammer and chisel for you," he explained.

Katharine thanked Jim Blake, curator of the sculpture forest, for his patience during the process.

Pratt spent three months working on the sculpture, which is made out of salt and pepper granite.

"I'm eternally grateful for people like the Hagerman family ... for endowing a work of art to the sculpture forest," he said, adding that many other sculptures he has created came about the same way.



Visitors brave the rain to get their first look at "Together We Explore the Wild." Photo by Mark Arike.

He encouraged others to consider donating for such installations.

Shawn's widow, Dianne, gave a moving performance through spoken word and song. She read a poem by William Stafford from the book *Even in Quiet Places*.

She was accompanied by Donna Enright on cello and Luba Cargill on violin.

Due to the rain, Blake prepared a video unveiling with the help of summer program coordinator Youkie Stagg. It showed him pulling a tarp off the sculpture, which received a round of applause from the audience.

Founded in 2001, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest currently features 27 sculptures and three benches. It is located in Glebe Park, next to the HSAD.

"It's truly a signature tourism attraction here in Haliburton County," said HSAD employee Ted Brandon.

Brandon commended Barb Bolin, chair of the sculpture forest and former campus principal, for her vision to bring it to the community.

"The sculpture forest is a gem in the midst of Haliburton," said Bolin. "It's something that attracts thousands and thousands of people every year."

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Troy Binnie coaches kids at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton during his hockey camp last week. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Haliburton Hockey Haven buys Halimar Resort Sports camp on Lake Kashagawigamog 'a big deal' for the county

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County is about to get its first ever multi-sports summer camp on Lake Kashagawigamog.

The Highlander caught up with Haliburton Hockey Haven camp owner, Troy Binnie, last week at the arena, where he disclosed that he and his wife have purchased the Halimar Resort as the new premises for Haliburton Hockey Haven.

He will be converting the property to a multi-sports summer camp offering residential camp, day camp and will continue to offer ice only camp at the Haliburton arena (where the hockey portion of the camp runs out of). The name will be Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp.

"This is a big deal. There is nothing like this in Haliburton County," Binnie said.

He plans to offer hockey, tennis, golf and watersports (including wakeboarding, waterskiing, standup paddleboarding, canoeing and kayaking) and swimming lessons at this stage, along with other usual camp activities and games. Additional sports may be added in future based on demand.

He said he had been hunting for three years for a property from which to operate his summer camp that was focused mainly on hockey. It took his discussions

with Halimar owners, Jan and Suzanne Haedicke, a few months to hammer out a deal that was reached last month. In fact, Jan Haedicke is staying on to help with renovations and transition with the resort.

Halimar is nestled in the forest on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog, about 9.5 km from the Village of Haliburton, as Binnie says, "Just a slapshot away in the Highlands." It will be about a five-minute bus ride to the arena for residential campers compared to the 30-minute drive they now undertake from Bark Lake. (Incidentally he will continue to allow the Lake Kashagawigamog cottage association regatta to be run at the new Hockey Haven sports camp property.)

Halimar features many air-conditioned cottages for the campers, an outdoor swimming pool, tennis court and basketball court. It has a beautiful, extensive, sandy beach waterfront, ideal for all ages and levels of swimmers. The main lodge is perfectly suited for a kids summer camp with a full commercial kitchen, dining hall and adjacent games room. It is also close to golf courses for golf campers.

The hockey camp has leased facilities at the Bark Lake Leadership Centre for years for the residential portion of the camp but Binnie said he always wanted to

have his own place.

"Bark Lake was fantastic. It taught us about camp life. But I am an entrepreneur. I have been involved in property development and custom builds for years. I always envisioned a camp where I could have my own facility and I could expand to have the programs I think kids want." He said they found the residential end of the operation was suffering because they didn't have their own facility. "It was a residential program that we couldn't really sell as our own because we were renting at Bark Lake." And, while they are sad to be leaving Bark Lake, they are ecstatic about their new venture. "Our options are endless on our new property on Kash."

Binnie said he will have to do some minor cottage renovations to accommodate counsellor and camper style accommodations in the cabins and will be ready for its grand opening next June. Despite the move, Binnie said he will continue to be careful about the number of kids per session to ensure the best camp experience, for both on-ice campers and residential/day campers. He does not want to compete with camps that bring 300 participants in per week.

Of course, the slogan will have to change from "because it's hockey" to "not

just hockey."

When asked about the viability, he joked that he had "spread-sheeted it to death." He is confident that he offers a great hockey experience on the ice and can do the off-ice just as well. Indeed, this is the seventh year of the hockey camp at the A.J. LaRue Arena. While it has been running since 1964, when he bought it and took over the reins, it only had 40 students in a one week session of ice-only camp and has now grown enrolment to 650 campers per summer.

Binnie currently employs about 10 people to run his summer hockey camp. Joe McTamney, his director of hockey operations, has worked with Troy for years and is thrilled about the new accommodations. They anticipate the number of employees will triple with the multi-sports camp. There will be a mix of full and part-time jobs. This is great news for summer students.

In the end, he said it was his wife who convinced him to make the leap based on the recent growth of the camp and the perfect fit of the Halimar property for Hockey Haven.

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Pablo Bonilla says the Haliburton Soccer Club is a great place to meet people and play a bit of competitive soccer. Photo by Alex Coop.

Surfer one day and soccer player the next

By Alex Coop

Pablo Bonilla is a busy man.

While living in Haliburton with his family, 3,500 km away from his homeland of Mexico where he and his wife run a surf school, Bonilla continues to be busy.

His SUPnorth Paddle Board Adventure business is a big part of his summer, and so is the bit of construction work he dabbles in with a small contracting company.

He is also an avid surfer, and is preparing to build on last year's success when he won the longboarding event at the Canadian Surfing Championship in Tofino, B.C.

This September, he will be competing in the Mexican Surfing Nationals in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

So, when the three-time Mexican National Longboard Champion finally has a moment to catch his breath, it's only during the car ride over to the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's soccer pitch, where he plays with members of the

Haliburton Soccer Club.

"It's a lot of fun because it escalates from a friendly get-together at the beginning of the night, to a competitive match," Bonilla said. "And my kids play too, so it made a lot of sense for me to join up as well."

Bonilla appreciates the intense workout soccer provides, along with the young athletes who push him every week.

It's like that in the surfing world, where many of the surfers he competes against are in their 20s.

Bonilla is 37. "Soccer is a good opportunity for me to assess my fitness and

figure out what part of my body I need to work on," he says.

He added the club has come a long way in just a few years, and he has noticed the more structured format and the influx of players.

However, the club hasn't deviated from its accessibility, which is why he joined in the first place.

"Sometimes teams are short on players, so we just swap them around," he said. "It's a pretty great group of guys and girls."

It's a lot of fun because it escalates from a friendly get-together at the beginning ... to a competitive match.

Pablo Bonilla

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Squash action

Members of the Highlands Squash Club didn't let a rainstorm stop them from playing a few rounds Tuesday night. The club runs open sessions every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Top: Don Gage prepares for a serve. Middle: Gage, right, returns a serve from Owen Trefry. Bottom: Andrew Lang prepares to hit the ball during his serve. *Photos by Alex Coop.*

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HHHS prepares for physician-assisted death

By Mark Arike

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is tackling physician-assisted death with other hospitals in the Central East Local Health Integration Network (CELHIN).

Doctors, nurses and members of the community are participating in a working group with the Ross Memorial Hospital and other hospitals, and a staff survey will be conducted, according to Carolyn Plummer, HHHS president and CEO.

Although no requests have been received locally for this procedure since Bill C-14 was passed in June, a policy will be developed to help guide the organization when the time comes.

"The development of that policy will be informed by work that is being done in other CELHIN and Ontario hospitals, as well as our own local needs," said Plummer.

The new law enables Canadians 18 and older to make a voluntary request for assisted death if they have a "grievous and irremediable medical condition." It could potentially be provided in any area of the hospital or a person's home, according to a report from the Ross Memorial Hospital (RMH).

However, under the new legislation, health care providers may refuse to provide the service for reasons of religion or conscience.

In Lindsay, the RMH has set up a Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) steering committee to survey its physicians and staff to determine their willingness to participate. It has also created information for patients and families that emphasizes that people who choose to undergo this procedure may change their mind at any point.

Anyone interested in this service should speak to his or her physician or nurse practitioner.

Fall prevention running until December

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services is continuing its balanced fitness and fall preventions classes that are free for seniors.

People are encouraged to drop in to the balanced fitness classes any time. Classes began the week of May 2 and run until December 2016.

People can also sign up, at 705-457-2941 ext. 2922, for the 12-week falls prevention course classes in Minden or Haliburton beginning the week of Sept. 12.

Falls prevention will be held in the fireside lounge at Hyland Crest, Minden from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday. Alternately, people can go to the Haliburton

Museum between noon and 1 p.m.

In the meantime, balanced fitness classes are being held in the auditorium of Hyland Crest, Minden between 10 and 11 a.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday. This is by drop-in and is chair yoga. There are also classes at the Ruth Parks Room at Haliburton Hospital between 10 and 11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Again it is drop-in, chair fitness. And, finally, there are classes in the fireside lounge, Hyland Crest, Minden, in the auditorium at 1.30 p.m. and fireside at 2.30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. This is drop-in, chair fitness. (Lisa Gervais)

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Living well

Unique space for cancer patients and survivors

By Alex Coop

An unimpressive break room in the depths of the Haliburton Hospital is where Haliburton resident Diane Smith goes to talk about the cancer that threatened her life for several years.

But the people who enter the space regularly bring an enormous amount of positive energy and interesting stories.

Joining her on a Tuesday afternoon at the Ruth Parkes Room are two other cancer survivors and the hospital's hospice coordinator, Lynn Thompson, all of whom are regular attendees of the hospital's Living with Cancer support group.

The number of people who attend these sessions fluctuates regularly.

"The people who are going through their treatments, doing chemo, sometimes can't make it," Thompson said. "They might be too tired or not feel well."

Sometimes, the cancer simply wins.

"To see an empty chair that was occupied at the last meeting is hard," says Jane Van Nood, a hospital facilitator and breast cancer survivor.

Smith was diagnosed with breast cancer

You feel very alone at the beginning ... if you don't plan on living, it's very tough to stay positive.

Diane Smith
Cancer survivor

in 2005, a year before the support group emerged in Haliburton to give cancer patients and survivors an opportunity to share stories and make friends.

But at the time, Smith was living in Iqaluit, Nunavut, and shortly after her diagnosis, in the midst of all the tests and uncertainty, she said she felt frustrated and confused.

"You feel very alone at the beginning," she said on Aug 16. "If you don't plan on living, it's very tough to stay positive."

Months of drug treatment and chemo therapy, combined with her decision to move to Haliburton and join the support

group, helped Smith conquer her cancer.

However, Smith's story doesn't end there, as she continues to deal with the after effects of her cancer treatment.

The drugs and the chemo therapy change your body, Van Nood emphasized.

"It really kills your immune system," she said, pointing to different ways the body reacts to treatment, like losing the ability to sweat in certain areas. "But fear is the real enemy."

She recalls one of her chemo therapy sessions dubbed "The Red Devil," because of how the chemicals "take you to the edge of death and back."

"My cancer was very advanced and very aggressive," Van Nood said, noting the treatments were physically and mentally draining.

Now she has a leaky heart valve, an after-effect of her chemo that she said she hopes doctors repair through surgery in the coming months.

Local resident Ron Clagg, who was diagnosed with esophageal cancer, has been with the group since the very beginning.

He was told he had a 50/50 chance to survive past five years. That was in 2006.

"My surgeon actually told me I only had a 10 per cent survival rate, it was the oncologist who made it 50/50," he laughed, adding he has to be careful with what he eats due to his esophagus' fragile state.

Sometimes conversations revolve around where to get a good wig, or what types of treatment work best for pain management. Spouses typically don't attend meetings, in order to give those who do, an opportunity to talk openly about their cancer, which Thompson admits can be difficult to do with friends and family.

But even outside of the hospital, a cancer patient's support system should be fully-educated and involved in these types of discussions.

"It's better to talk about it openly than brush it under the rug," she said. "It makes it easier for everyone."

Everyone at the meeting encouraged cancer patients and survivors to reach out to them, but to also be assertive.

"To not bring it up at all, and to not try and improve your situation, makes it a lot harder for you," Van Nood said.



From left, Ron Clagg, Diane Smith and Jane Van Nood. Photo by Alex Coop.

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TORC powerboat races 2016

Rip-roarin' races return to Head Lake

By Mark Arike

More than 90 racers pushed their boats to the limit during the second annual Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races on Head Lake.

Spectators gathered in the park and around the lake to witness competitors from across Ontario and the U.S. reach speeds of 85 mph.

"There are lots of people and I think it's great," said event coordinator Barb Hammond.

"This is our favourite venue."

Hosted by the Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC), the races were held on Saturday and Sunday. Competitors arrived on Friday with their trailers.

The featured vessels included hydroplanes, runabouts and T-boats. The drag boats didn't return this year due to some "legality issues," said Hammond. There were about 15 different classes. For the first time, female racers were able to showcase their skills in the powder puff race.

Once again, the event served as a fundraiser for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and the Haliburton Lions Club. For example, volunteers from the auxiliary manned the beer tent and Lions members sold food and refreshments. All proceeds are going to both organizations. An additional \$2 from each pizza sold by Into the Blue Bakery also went to the auxiliary.

A raffle—which also took place this year—for various donated prizes raised \$1,200 for the auxiliary last year. The final total is unknown at this time, but Hammond said it is less than last year. The races are popular because they are family-oriented, she said.

"My whole family is down here watching the sport," she said, adding that many racers' family members are part of the pit crew.

Hammond's 20-year-old son, Wesley, is a racer and competed both years.

"It's a great venue," said TORC president Rob Dixon. "The town has really come together for this event."

There were 45 sponsors, the majority of which supported the event last year. Haliburton RPM was the major sponsor.

It was the group's final event of the season in Canada. Founded in 1952, TORC is a non-profit organization devoted to people with an interest in boat racing. The majority of its members are in Ottawa and Ontario.

"We want to keep stock outboard racing alive," said Dixon.

TORC intends to return to Haliburton next year.

For race results, visit torc.ca.



Top: Gravenhurst racer Will Hunter speaks to visitors while working on his boat. Above: Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary volunteer Lorraine Semple holds a shirt available for purchase while fellow volunteer Donna Hackwood stays seated. Right: Gravenhurst racer Will Hunter gets ready for his race. Photos by Alex Coop.



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Rotarian's son takes cash in car draw

By Mark Arike

A gift a local Rotarian gave her son and his wife wound up making them \$30,000 richer.

"We got home from a trip and there was a message on the machine from Mark [Dennys]," recalled Haliburton resident Diane Smith. "I said the only reason Mark would be calling is because somebody won the car. I talked to another Rotarian and they said Paul and Tanya won it."

Dennys left a message for Diane and her husband, Richard, after eight-year-old Ryerson Harris of Carnarvon pulled the ticket during the recent Rotary Carnival in Head Lake Park.

Smith spent \$200 on tickets for this year's car draw, hosted by the Rotary Club of Haliburton. She gifted three tickets to her son, Paul, and his wife, Tanya Smith, another three to her daughter and seven to her husband.

More than 5,900 tickets were sold for

what is the club's largest annual fundraiser. The winner had the option of choosing a 2016 Chevrolet Camaro LT Coupe (valued at \$36,500) or \$30,000 cash.

Money raised from the draw supports various community initiatives. The grand total has not yet been confirmed.

"We called our son and he couldn't believe it," said Diane.

His response was, "Oh my gosh! Oh my gosh!"

"He was unbelievably happy," she added. It took about a week for the couple to make a decision.

"She wanted the car, I think. They live in Leduc [Alta.] so it's not a very good winter car," she said.

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Top: Bess Nishitoea, 5, of Indian River paints a lantern. Above: Performers Momoko Oishi, right, and Yasuko Kano lead a crowd over the bridge for the release of the lanterns. Photos by Mark Arike.

Japanese tradition celebrated in Minden

By Mark Arike

Crowds lined the Gull River in Minden to witness a colourful spectacle that only happens once a year.

Just before sunset on Aug. 18, 70 lanterns were sent downstream during the culmination of the Festival of the August Moon.

Now in its sixth year, the festival was inspired by Toro Nagashi, a long-standing Japanese tradition in which candlelit lanterns are released into the river during the last evening of the Bon Festival. It is believed that the floating lanterns help guide the departed to the spirit world.

Local resident Marc Shroetter got it started as a one-time event for the Make It Minden series. This was the first year he didn't take the role as head organizer.

"I was very surprised that we were able to get this going," said Shroetter, reflecting on the past.

He hopes it will encourage people to explore other cultures and perhaps even visit Japan one day.

"I love the culture," said Minden resident Kelsey Paradis, who came dressed in a yukata.

Paradis, 24, developed her interest in the culture as a fan of anime.

"It branched from there," she said.

Her mother, Patricia, went along with her. "It really is like an art form," she said.

The event started in the afternoon at the Wild Swan Bed & Breakfast with face painting, origami, Japanese brush painting, a tea ceremony, traditional Japanese dances and games.

Visitors purchased and painted their own lanterns for \$5.

A committee of 15 volunteers, including Minden Hills councillors Jeanne Anthon and Jean Neville, lent their support. It was sponsored by Minden Subaru.

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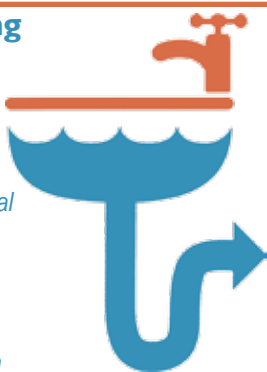
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The first group of ATVers prepares to leave the Wilberforce Curling Club for a day of riding. Photo by Mark Arike.

Poker Run raises \$3,800 for curling club campaign

By Mark Arike

ATV enthusiasts hit the trails in Highlands East on Saturday in support of the Wilberforce Curling Club. The all-day event raised \$3,800 for the refurbishment of the club's facility on Loop Road.

"Last year it was 48 [ATVs] so it's quite an improvement," said club president Darrell McQuigge.

A total of 81 ATVs and 20 additional riders were part of the fourth annual Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) Poker Run. Volunteers treated riders to breakfast before they embarked on a 115-kilometre-long journey through the municipality, which began in Wilberforce.

Riders received dinner when they returned to the

curling club and a chance to win prizes for drawing the best poker hand.

The event usually raises funds for the club's youth program. But this year, the club *must* raise \$31,000 to contribute to necessary repairs.

In December, the club's executive cancelled the second half of the curling season because of a major breakdown in the cooling system.

Funds from an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant paid for a new compressor and mechanical room. A new floor has also been installed.

The club's goal is to open the facility in the fall.

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HE Studio Tour



Visitors flock to see art in Highlands East

By Mark Arike

Artists on this year's Highlands East Studio Tour are happy with the results.

Painters, Mary Jane Little and Betty Ann McNeil said they had many visitors during opening weekend, which was Aug. 13-14. It was also fruitful for sales.

"We're not known artists," said McNeil.

Their work was set up in Little's home in Wilberforce, along with a few pieces made by her 13-year-old granddaughter, Sydney, Dr. Christopher Hassell of Toronto and local resident Kathy McQuigge.

It was their first time on the tour and they plan to return next year with a few friends. They recently formed a painting group that gathers on Wednesdays.

"It went very well," said Jan Simon, tour chair and participating artist.

"I had good visitation both weekends."

The 14th annual tour concluded last weekend. It featured nine artists at six locations.

Artists Betty Ann McNeil, left, and Mary Jane Little point to Kathy McQuigge's paintings. She was unavailable for a photo. Photo by Mark Arike.

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Irondale Community Centre Fundraiser

Saturday, October 1
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Happy Hour from 5-6 PM
Roast Beef Dinner at 6 PM
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Wilberforce Agricultural Society Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, October 8
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Advance tickets for sale in September at the
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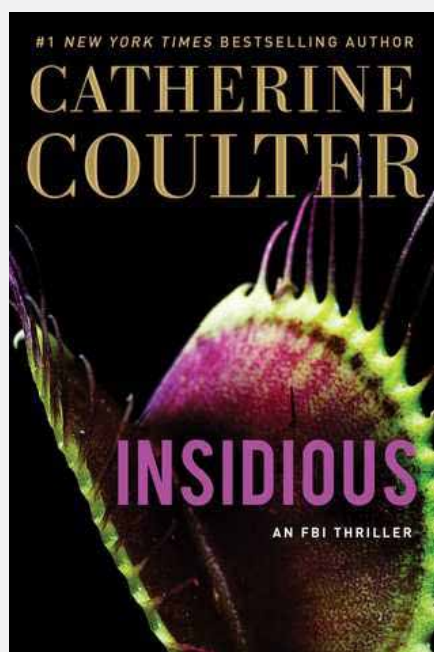
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2. *Belgravia* by Julian Fellowes
3. *Three Sisters, Three Queens* by Philippa Gregory

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Brown: what being brown in the world today means (for everyone)* by Kamal Al-Solaylee
2. *India At War: the subcontinent and the Second World War* by Yasmin Khan
3. *Cobalt: Canada's forgotten silver boom town* by Douglas Baldwin

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *88 Instruments* by Chris Barton (Picture Book)
2. *Teen Titans Go! Volume 2. Welcome To The Pizza Dome* by Sholly Fisch (JF Graphic Novel)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *The Angry Birds Movie* (DVD)
2. *Truly Madly Guilty* by Liane Moriarty (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

Say it isn't so! Summer nearly over? August 29th will be our last Monday open in Dysart in Minden for the summer. But it's not too late to join in our Family Story Time and Craft! We wrap up Wild About Reading with Wild Wild West on Tuesday in Minden at 1pm, and Wednesday in Dysart at 1pm. Visit haliburtonlibrary.ca for more.

HOS upcoming event: Faust

The final opera in the Highlands Opera Studio's 10th anniversary season will be held from this weekend. Faust is being staged Sunday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 7.30 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7.30 p.m. Charles Gounod's adaptation of the Goethe story of desire, redemption, and a bargain with the Devil will be on stage at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.



Pasquale D'Alessio

"I am 27 years old and living in Montreal, Que. I am looking forward to the program for several reasons. First, I have the opportunity to perform Faust, one of my all-time favourite and challenging roles. I am also looking

forward to everything the program at Highlands Opera Studio has to offer,

including concerts, masterclasses, and coaching. Doing opera for four weeks in the country, who wouldn't love that?"

D'Alessio is a graduate of McGill University, holding a Master's degree in Opera Performance, in addition to his earlier studies at UCLA in Los Angeles where he honed his craft in both piano and composition. He has just finished his Young Artist Residency with Opera de Montreal, where he performed Abdallo

in Verdi's *Nabucco*, Roderigo in *Otello*, and Nemorino with Sinfonia Lanauadiere. He performed across Quebec on tour with *Amoureux Celebres*, and premiered Otto from the new opera *Crush* at the Banff Center with Against the Grain Theatre. He is also writing an Opera, *The Imaginings*, which garnered interest from several companies at its recent performance at the Opera America conference.



Maureen Ferguson

"I am 27 and was born and raised in Toronto. This year I am the vocal teacher for the Highlands Opera Community School. I'm really enjoying spending time studying at The Highlands Opera Studio with my fellow singers and amazing faculty in such a wonderful place. Thanks again for having me."

Born into a very musical family, her father a professional trombone player, Ferguson started in music at a young age in choirs and bands. She holds a Masters of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Michigan, a B. Mus. in

Vocal Performance from the University of Western Ontario and is a graduate of the Emerging Artists Program at the Calgary Opera Company.

During graduate studies at the University of Michigan she had the privilege to perform such roles as Dorabella in Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, Meg Page in Verdi's *Falstaff*, Alma March in Adamo's *Little Women* and Der Trommler in Ullmann's *Der Kaiser von Atlantis*. Previous roles include the Abbess in Puccini's *Suor Angelica*, Ursule in Berlioz's *Béatrice et Bénédict*, Gertrude in Gounod's *Romeo et Juliette*, Bradamante in Handel's *Alcina*, and Nicklausse in Offenbach's *Tales of*

Hoffmann. She has performed with Opera NUOVA in Edmonton, AB, The Halifax Summer Opera Workshop in Halifax, NS, the Canadian Vocal Arts Institute in Montreal, QC, the Canadian Operatic Arts Academy in London, ON and the Arbor Opera Company in Ann Arbor, MI.

Ferguson is equally at home on the Oratorio stage and has performed as the alto soloist in works such as Durufle's *Requiem*, Mozart's *Requiem*, Mozart's *Vespers*, Howell's *Requiem*, Bach's *St Matthew's Passion*, Bach's *Magnificat*, Bach's *Dixit Dominus* and Handel's *Messiah*.



Emma Char

"Currently, I'm based in Toronto. I was born in Kitchener-Waterloo and raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia. I'm looking forward to coming to Haliburton to spend time with good friends and make new ones, immersing myself in working on opera all the while enjoying the beautiful and peaceful surroundings."

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A mezzo-soprano, Char's recent operatic performances include Hänsel in *Hänsel und Gretel*, The Mother in *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (Atelier lyrique de L'Opéra de Montréal) Mallika in *Lakmé*, Rosette in *Manon* (L'Opéra de Montréal) and Ramiro in Ensemble Caprice's Production of Vivaldi's *Moteczuma*. She has also covered the roles of Margret in *Wozzeck* and Mrs. Umeya in the North American Premiere of *Dr. Sun Yat-sen* for The Santa Fe Opera. Char's concert performances include the Alto soloist in the Mozart

Requiem (I Musici de Montréal) and Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* with Les Violons du Roy.

Char received her BM from The Eastman School of Music, MM from Florida State University and Artist Diploma from The University of Cincinnati, College – Conservatory of Music. Her professional training includes apprenticeships with The Santa Fe Opera, Opera Saratoga and The Atelier Lyrique de L'Opéra de Montréal.



Elizabeth Polese

"I am 26 and from Toronto. I am really looking forward to coming to The Highlands Opera Studio this year to make music with some wonderful friends and colleagues, and to take in all I can from the phenomenal faculty members, who are the best in the business. All of this, and being in picturesque Haliburton, it really doesn't get better than this."

Polese is in the Chorus: Faust and doing independent study.

Praised as a 'fresh and polished soprano,' Polese is an up and coming artist in Canada's classical music scene.

This season, Polese will perform the role of Barbarina in Brott Opera's production of *Le Nozze di Figaro*, at the Indian River Festival in Prince Edward Island and the Stratford Summer Music Festival in the role of Rosina in *The Barber of Seville*, and is attending Highlands Opera Studio for the second time. She has also been selected as a Rebanks Fellow at the Royal Conservatory of Music's Glenn Gould School for the 2016/17 season. Her 2015/16 season included performances with Opera Nuova (as Emily Webb in the Canadian Premiere of *Our Town* by Ned Rorem), Highlands Opera Studio, the Toronto Summer Music Festival Art of Song program, and several recital

and oratorio appearances. The recipient of numerous awards and scholarships, Polese has most recently been selected as a semi-finalist in the Concorso Internazionale per Cantanti Lirici in Alcamo, Italy, and as a finalist in the 2016 Jeunes Abassadeurs Lyriques competition. Other recent awards include first prize in the Toronto Mozart Competition and the University of Toronto Concerto Competition. Polese is an alumna of the University of Toronto, with both Bachelors and Masters degrees in Voice Performance, where she studied under the celebrated Canadian Soprano, Mary Morrison.

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FULL DAY SURVIVAL WORKSHOP. August 28th, 9 am - 5 pm. Dyno Road Outpost. \$115 Adult / \$90 Youth. Survival Essentials Kit Included. PRE-REGISTER by Aug 25. DeepRootsAdventure.com. 705-854-0628

FRIDAY AUGUST 26TH – Music by the Gull 6 pm – Gary & The Rough Ideas

TUESDAYS - Join us for a free tour of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest to learn about our sculptures, artists, and the history of our Sculpture Forest. 297 College Drive, Haliburton. Date: July 5, 12, 19, 26, and August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10am Website: haliburtonsculptureforest.ca

HALIBURTON COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET: Haliburton at Head Lake Park, Tuesdays 12:00 pm – 4:00pm (May 17 – Oct 4). Carnarvon: Hwys 118 & 35 Fridays 12:00pm – 4:00pm (June 17-Oct 7). Minden Saturdays in the municipal parking lot 10:am – 2:00pm (June 18 – Oct 8)

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We welcome all young professionals
to join the Young Professionals
Network (YPN). **Tell us what you
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Check Facebook page for
upcoming events and locations.

Phone: (705) 457-4700
Email: ypn@haliburtonchamber.com

Every last
THURSDAY
of the month

OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of

Dorothy (Dot) Hewitt (nee Watson)

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday, August 18, 2016, with her loving family by her side. She was in her 95th year.

Beloved wife of Lowell (Doc) Hewitt. Dot is predeceased by her daughter and son-in-law Barbara (Bunny) (2011) and Roeland (Ron) Van Ast (2012). Loving grandmother of Heidi (Chris) Hyland, Matthew (Alie) Van Ast, and great grandmother of Keegan and Connor Hyland, Mackenzie and Alexa Van Ast.



Predeceased by her sisters Lillian, Beth, and by her brothers Edgar, Bill and Chuck. Beloved Auntie Dot to Nieces and nephews; Charles, Shelly (deceased), Sharon, Lorri, Patricia, Roy, Jon, Jayne, Cathy, Karen, Rick and Robert. She loved quilting and knitting up to her final day and she enjoyed ski-dooing and paddling her canoe well into her 80's. She had a zest for life and always lived by her own rules. Dot will be dearly missed.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, August 26, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Dot's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception will be held in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the Funeral Home. Interment will follow at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Cremation has taken place.

In Lieu of flowers memorial donations to Canadian Lung association would be appreciated.



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In Loving Memory of

Vilma Sinkelman

Peacefully went to be with her Maker at Extendicare, Haliburton on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 with her loving family by her side, at the age of 93.

Wonderful mother of Tiia and the late Vince Billings, and Tom (Peggy). Vilma leaves behind her sister Aasa. Loving nana of Glenn (Mary), Gregg, Grant (Cheryl), Robbyn (Gary), Alida (Trevor), and Molly. Precious great grandmother of Brandon, Jeff, Mackenzie, and Sydney. Gracious aunt to David (Ruth), Ester (Andrew) and their families. Fondly remembered by her many friends and family here in Canada, Sweden and Estonia.



Friends were invited to visit the family at the York Funeral Centre, 160 Beecroft Rd., Toronto (1-416-221-3404) on Monday, August 22, 2016 from 1:00 pm until the time of the service to celebrate Vilma's Life at 2:00 pm. Interment at the York Cemetery. Reception was held back at the York Funeral Centre in the Reception Facilities.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Extendicare Family Council or to the Estonian Baptist Church, Toronto would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777)



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OBITUARIES

GREER, Doris Maria (née Thayer) – Passed away unexpectedly at the age of 93 on August 5, 2016 as the result of a car accident. Doris was the beloved wife of the late Fred; cherished mother of Joe (Linda) and Tim; proud grandmother of Melissa (Mark) and Kelly (Nick). She was predeceased by her parents George and May Thayer and her brother George "Bud". She will be missed by niece Marilyn Thayer, nephews George, John, Mark, Kirk and their families, and sister-in-law Dorothy Thayer.



Doris was born and grew up in Haliburton village. When she was 18, she left home to study at Peterborough Business College. Three years later, in 1944, she married her high school sweetheart, best friend and one true love, Fred. She would share her hopes, dreams and travels with him for the next 70.5 years. She was a long time member of St. George's Anglican Church in Peterborough.

A private family service has taken place. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be made at www.comstockfuneralhome.com

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Please forward curriculum vitae by September 2, 2016 to:

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Haliburton, Ontario K0M 2K0
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Fax: 705-457-3492

Please visit our website at www.pointintime.ca



SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT Request for Proposal

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is inviting proposals for sidewalk replacement at the Haliburton and Minden Hospital sites. Specifications will be available at either the HHHS Haliburton or Minden Business Office after Tuesday August 23, 2016. Site visits will be held on August 31, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. beginning at the Minden site then moving to the Haliburton site.

Proposals must be dropped off at the HHHS Business Office in Haliburton. Deadline is 3:00 p.m. Wednesday September 7, 2016.

DZ/AZ DRIVERS WANTED.

Please inquire 705-286-1440. Clean abstract and references required.

HIRING KITCHEN HELP AND WAITRESSES. Must be 18 years of age or older. No experience necessary, training will be provided. Must be able to work some evenings and weekends. Call 705-286-1818 or drop resume off at Marks Restaurant in Minden.

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Notice is hereby provided that the regularly scheduled September Council Meetings for the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be held at the **Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall** located at 1095 North Shore Road.

Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM III
CAO/Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
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E: abird@algonquinhighlands.ca



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DOWN

1. That thing's

2. Fishing aid

3. Tells (a story)

4. Owned apartment

5. Yearning

6. Bambi, for one

7. Scuffles

8. Song of praise

9. Night twinkler

10. Flying toy

11. Toboggan

16. Goals

20. Lincoln, et al.

21. Rural road

22. Picnic nuisances

24. Horn blast

25. Age

26. Passing, as time

27. Infamous fiddler

28. Camper's home

30. Matured

33. Spicy sausage

34. Exited

36. Relaxes

37. Emcee

38. Pain

39. Bound

40. Fairy tale starter

41. Singer ____ Simon

44. Period of note

45. Beam of light

ACROSS

1. Roadhouse

4. What a cow chews

7. Duties

12. Pekoe, e.g.

13. Mine extract

14. Up to the time that

15. Odd

17. Say

18. Passenger

19. Fragment

20. San Antonio shrine

22. Pub brew

23. Belfry dwellers

24. Slum building

29. Compass point (abbr.)

30. Sources

31. Grant's opponent

32. Meetings

34. Alert

35. Fitting

36. Transplant

37. Oscar winner ____ Berry

40. Uncovers

42. Atlantic or Pacific

43. More unpleasant

46. Dishonor

47. Snip

48. Pro-gun org.

49. Moderately warm

50. Overhead trains

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Registration for the School Year 2016-17

Dates

Tuesday, Aug 30th, 2016-Last Names A-F
2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - *closed 4:30-5:30*
Wednesday, August 31st, 2016-Last Names G-N
2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - *closed 4:30-5:30*
Thursday, Sept 1st, 2016-Last Names O-Z
2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - *closed 4:30-5:30*

Note: Outstanding textbooks and library books/fines must be paid prior to registration.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

The General Meeting for School Council will be held on Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room at the High School. Elections will take place after the General Meeting (if necessary).

Everyone is welcome.

Parent Nomination Forms may be picked up during Registration Week.

SEMESTER 1 COMMENCES ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 2016

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Mr. Dan Marsden-Principal
Mr. David Waito-Vice-Principal

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 <p>August 28, 30-31 Faust – Highlands Opera Studio 705-457-9933</p> <p>9th Annual Garlic Festival – Abbey Gardens 10 am – 4 pm</p> <p>28</p>	 <p>14th Annual 2016 Hike Haliburton Sept. 22-25</p> <p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 - Basketball, Pickleball</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, Coboconk Progressive euchre at 1:00pm</p> <p>August 30-31 Faust – Highlands Opera Studio 705-457-9933</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 - Drumming, Yoga, Library, Cooking Club</p> <p>31</p>	<p>Haliburton County Historical Society – Show and Tell, bring the item, tell it's story – Haliburton Museum 1:30 pm</p> <p>Environment Haliburton! Presents Elizabeth May 7 pm – Minden Community Centre 705-754-9873</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 - Day Camp – last day, Yoga</p> <p>Music by the Gull 6 pm – Gary & The Rough Ideas</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 – Library 10 – noon</p> <p>27</p>
<p>Halibana 2016 Drum Carnival Rails End Gallery and Head Lake Park 416-953-2469</p> <p>4</p>	 <p>5</p>	<p>Don't forget to pick up your new edition of The Highlander</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Highlands East Plein-Air Arts Festival September 8 – 11 705-766-9968</p> <p>Every Thursday 7 – 9 PM Shout Sister Choir is welcoming new members at the Haliburton United Church shoutsisterchoir.ca</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 – Volleyball, Zumba</p> <p>SEPT 1</p>	<p>Halibana 2016 Drum Carnival Rails End Gallery and Head Lake Park 416-953-2469</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 – Community Garage Sale, Library 10–noon</p> <p>3</p>
<p>Relax it's Sunday</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Taoist Tai Chi Open House Minden Anglican Church, 7 – 8:30 pm 705-457-5829</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Taoist Tai Chi Open House Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce 2 – 4pm 705-457-5829</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Pick up your new edition of The Highlander</p> <p>14</p>	<p>West Guilford School Reunion – at the West Guilford Community Centre 1 – 4 pm</p> <p>17</p>	 <p>16</p>	<p>West Guilford School Reunion – at the West Guilford Community Centre 1 – 4 pm</p> <p>17</p>

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

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Tuesdays – Tuesday night dart league 7 p.m.
Wednesdays – (July and August) bid euchre 1 p.m. start; bingo – doors open at 6 p.m., starts at 7 p.m. \$1,000 jackpot
Thursdays – general meeting – second Thursday of the month starting at 7.30 p.m. (all members are urged to attend) and ladies auxiliary – last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays – cribbage 1 p.m. start,

meat draws: five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC. Friday fun darts – 4:30 p.m. onwards.
Saturdays -50/50 draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are \$1 each, available from noon onwards
Sundays – breakfast – second and fourth Sunday of the month, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6 per person, occasional volunteers are needed.
MINDEN BRANCH
General meeting, first Wednesday

of each month, 7:30 p.m. start
Ladies darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Fish/wings & chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12
Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lovers' special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)

Meat draws, Wednesday lunch time.
Watch for local posters and listen to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH
Friday - Community Care 55+lunch noon. Please call Denise Butler to reserve 705-448-8865
Pool 1:30 p.m.
Jam session 7:30 p.m.
Saturday - Meat draw 2 p.m. early bird 3 p.m. sharp Music

and BBQ on the deck featuring the band "Endangered Species" - opening at 4 p.m., main band at 5 p.m. \$15/person. Tickets available at the bar. Food available
Monday - Bid euchre 7 p.m., beginners welcome.
Wednesday - Fun darts 7:30 p.m.
Upcoming events - Sunday, Sept 4, horseshoe tournament, \$10pp. Register 10am - noon, playing at 12:30pm. Food available for purchase.



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What's on



Laurie Jones, executive director of the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, posts a price tag next to an artwork. *File photo.*

Plein air art at a bargain

By Mark Arike

The work of several artists, novice to expert, will fill the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Sept. 11.

And their art will be inspired by the natural beauty of the eastern part of the county.

"They [the visitors] love the fact that at least half the work in this exhibition has been made from local landscapes," said Gary Blundell, organizer of the Highlands East Plein Air Arts Festival.

From Sept. 8-10, participants from all over Ontario will take their easels to various locations across the municipality and paint outdoors—also known as plein air.

"You can go out and watch people paint," said Blundell, pointing out that artists are given a list of 15 different locations that are ideal for painting.

However, they aren't restricted to those sites.

"People can come and paint anywhere here in Highlands East, or in the periphery of Highlands East, and that would be fine," he said.

For Sunday's show and sale, artists can enter three pieces they've made locally and three that were painted elsewhere.

A concentrated effort has been made to attract artists of all skill levels. Blundell explains that often these festivals are very competitive in nature.

"A lot of these things have been run like competitions. We don't want to do that. We want beginners to experts," he said.

Blundell, who is organizing the event for a third year, is also a painter in the area. He was approached about taking it on following the departure of Tracey Lee Green.

Fifteen artists have been featured the past couple of years, but with many registrations flowing in he is hopeful to pass that.

"I see a future in this, and I see a dignified

future in it."

The registration fee is half price for students in an effort to attract younger artists, those in their teens and 20s.

Blundell has received financial support from the Municipality of Highlands East to run the festival.

Laurie Jones, executive director of the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, spread the word by hosting plein air-themed events at the gallery in June.

The sale, which runs from 12-4 p.m., is free. Art can be purchased by cash or cheque.

The prices are very affordable, according to Blundell.

"You can pick up something at a reasonable cost and you get to meet the artist," he said.

For more information, visit highlandseastpleinair.wordpress.com or email Blundell at garyandvic65@yahoo.com.



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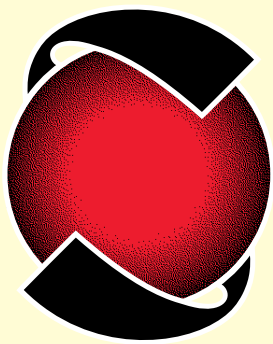
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